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Student petitions kickoff time

Patrick Ingraham @PATTYMILLS11

A USC student started a petition Monday urging the NCAA, SEC, ESPN and the university to change the kick-off time of the Nov. 28 matchup against in-state rival Clemson from 12 p.m. to a later time slot. Since the petition went online at approximately 5 p.m. Monday, it accumulated over 8,000 signatures in less than 24 hours.

Second-year mechanical engineering student Jay Selesky listed several reasons he started the petition, including the amount of noon games the football team has had this season, the importance and history of the rivalry, Clemson’s status as number one in the college football rankings, inconvenient travel plans for Clemson fans, hardships the team and the community have endured after the devastating impact of October’s flooding and the resignation of Steve Spurrier as head football coach.

“The atmosphere of a noon game versus the atmosphere of an afternoon or night game just isn’t a fair comparison,” Selesky said. “Especially in such an important game like this one, Williams-Brice needs to be in full swing, and it will be difficult to get it there for a game that starts at noon.”

Selesky said he was not expecting the amount of signatures and backing his petition has received thus far.

“I am very surprised by the support the petition has received,” Selesky said. “I knew there would be support, but I didn’t expect 8,000 signatures less than a day later.”

Selesky said he reached out to friends at Clemson and tried to share the petition via Facebook “Class of 20XX” pages.

“I have heard that Clemson fans are

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Proving Ground showcases student, alumni entrepreneurs



Cody Scoggins / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC alumnus Trey Gordner was one of the winners of this year’s competition.

Hannah Treece @H_TREECE

The Proving Ground, USC’s sixth annual “Shark Tank”-inspired entrepreneurial competition, awarded nearly \$90,000 in prizes Tuesday night at the Darla Moore School of Business. Dean Kress, the head of the Faber Entrepreneurship Center, organized the competition as part of Global Entrepreneurship week.

“USC hosts this event to give students the stellar opportunity to share their ideas with a larger audience, which is extremely helpful in proving a concepts market validation,” Tony Klor, USC Entrepreneurship Club president and fourth-year entrepreneurial management and marketing student, said. “USC also

awards finances that are crucial for getting our ideas off of the ground and turning them into early stage start-ups.”

The competition consisted of three rounds, with the final round hosting six finalists and two fan-favorite competitors. The competition was broken up into three categories: the

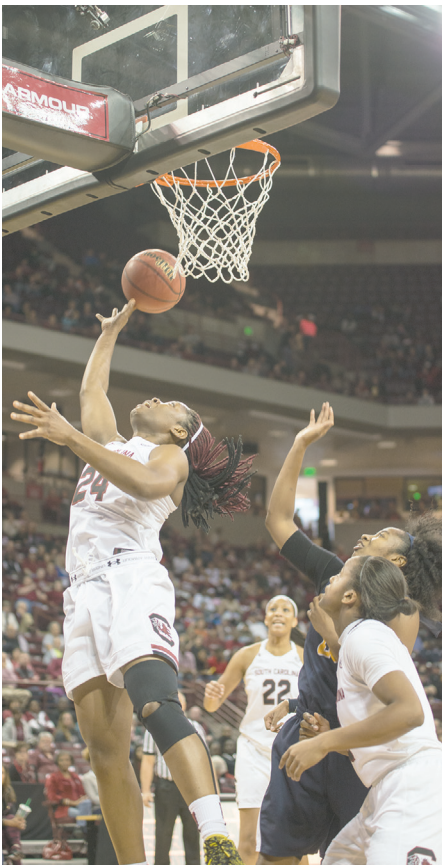
Fluor Social Impact Category, the Maxient Innovation Category and the Avenir Discovery Category. There was also a Fan Favorite Category sponsored by SCRA Technology Ventures.

The audience was encouraged to participate throughout the night on social media and voted on the fan favorite by following a link on

“I think this has really encouraged us and galvanized us to get out there and go faster and harder in the next couple of months.”

-Trey Gordner, USC alumnus

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Senior Virginia transfer Sarah Imovbioh is averaging a double-double this year.

Gamecocks ready to take on Clemson

Will Helms @WHELMSS21

The No. 2 South Carolina women’s basketball team will be on the move after back-to-back home games.

The Gamecocks head to Clemson Wednesday for a showdown with the 1-1 Tigers in Jervey Gym. The Tigers snuck away with a 43-36 win against Charleston Southern, but lost 63-47 to Coastal Carolina on Sunday.

The game will be the first of five-straight road games for the Gamecocks, concluding with a three-game tournament in Waikiki, Hawaii.

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Game Ball Run appeals to rivalry spirit

Emily Barber @EMILYRISA

In the early hours of this coming Friday morning, 40 brothers from USC’s Sigma Nu fraternity will be running across roughly 90 miles of South Carolina road in the 38th annual Game Ball Run.

The Game Ball Run is part of USC’s Rivalry Week against Clemson. The Clemson Sigma Nu Theta Zeta chapter will run the ball to Greenwood, South Carolina. From there, USC’s Delta chapter will run the ball the rest of the way back to Columbia. They will arrive back on campus around noon Friday.

In total, the two Sigma Nu chapters will cover about 140 miles, and USC’s chapter will cover just under 90. The brothers, in pairs, will take shifts of about three miles at a time. The brothers not running at the time will be on a bus following the runners, who will be accompanied by a USC police escort the entire way.

The last leg of the run, from the Sigma Nu fraternity house to the George Rogers statue at Williams-Brice Stadium, will be overseen by Columbia police. This last stretch is open to the public, and an entire lane of traffic will be closed down to accommodate the crowd.

“Definitely safety is a main priority,” said John Stathakis, fourth-year real estate and marketing student and Sigma Nu philanthropy chair. “[Police] consider it a parade ... there will be about three or four officers that will be assisting it, making sure



Courtesy of Sigma Nu Delta Chapter

The 38th Annual Game Ball Run will raise money for the Marcus Lattimore Foundation.

that we get from the fraternity house to the stadium safely.”

The run serves as a major philanthropy event for Sigma Nu. The first run took place in 1977, and until the early 1990s, USC Sigma Nus would run the ball the full distance with no Clemson participation.

Originally, the run raised money for multiple sclerosis. This year, Sigma Nu partnered with the Marcus Lattimore Foundation, which is dedicated to helping young athletes medically and academically. Stathakis said the partnership is significant because it is more personal to students, alumni and Gamecock fans alike.

“Being with Lattimore has helped us with awareness, because

Gamecock fans are excited about that,” he said. “The other thing I like about working with this foundation is it’s a small foundation ... We know where the money’s going, and specifically it’s helping out people in our area. It’s really cool to see what’s going to come from what we raise.”

The partnership is partly in response to Clemson’s partnership with Dabo Swinney’s All In Team Foundation last year, according to Craig Almond, fourth-year public relations student and Sigma Nu Delta chapter president.

“We’re really playing up the rivalry week aspect of it,” Almond said. “Since they’ve gotten Dabo involved, and now we’ve gotten Marcus involved ... We really want

more involvement from the rest of the university and the rest of the community.”

In fundraising this year, Sigma Nu has been reaching out to more alumni and local businesses. Much of the money raised comes from individual brothers’ efforts, but for the first time, some USC alumni have challenged Clemson alumni to see which group can raise more for the Game Ball Run.

Almond said that they raised about \$35,000 last year, and the goal for this year is \$40,000. As of Tuesday evening, they have raised \$25,200. Some of the money raised will go toward paying for the event, but a large portion will be given directly to the Marcus Lattimore Foundation.

Both Almond and Stathakis have run it before and will be participating again this year. They both said the run, though tiring, is worth the effort because of its contribution to the community.

“One of the most rewarding things was actually coming up into Greenwood and running the ball and actually seeing the Huddle House,” Stathakis said. “But at the same time, knowing that what you did was not just for the hell of it. It was actually a really good thing, and ... that’s kind of what the fraternity’s about.”

The run is this Friday, but donations will be accepted until the USC-Clemson football game Saturday, Nov. 28. Donations can be made on the USC Sigma Nu website at <http://carolinadeltachapter.wix.com/sigmanudeltachapter>.

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Jindal drops out of 2016 GOP presidential race

Louisiana Gov. and 2016 Presidential Candidate Bobby Jindal suspended his campaign efforts Tuesday, according to ABC News. Jindal made the announcement to Fox News' Bret Baier on Tuesday afternoon, saying that "this is not my time." Jindal's departure from the race leaves 14 candidates on the republican side of the race and also leaves one less candidate in the "junior-varsity" debates that have spotlighted the low-polling candidates.

—Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

Russia offers reward for information on bombing


According to CNN, the Russian Federal Security Service has estimated that the Russian passenger jet that crashed over Sinai, Egypt on Oct. 31 contained over two pounds of explosives, insinuating the crash was a result of a terrorist act. The government, who at first rejected the idea of the plane and its passengers being victims of terrorism, has offered a \$50 million reward for information on any suspects behind the attacks.

—Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

Two police officers injured, suspect dead in shooting

The State reported Tuesday that a man opened fire on two Cayce Department of Public Safety officers at approximately 1:30 a.m. at an apartment complex in Cayce. A Lexington County coroner identified the suspect as Demetrius Shelley Bryant, 21, who died of two gunshot wounds to his upper body. The officers who were dispatched to the apartment were there because of drug-related issues. Although both officers were transported to the hospital after the incident, only one was hit by gunfire.

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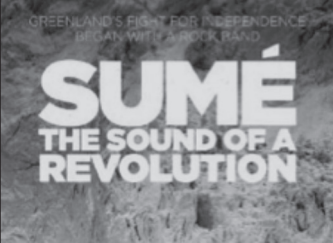
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just as upset as us with the time of the game,” Selesky said. “Travel becomes a real hassle for them, and they believe they deserve a better time slot.”

Selesky said he has reached out to

various officials through social media regarding his cause but has not received any responses.

“If I don’t hear anything by tomorrow, I may turn to a more direct approach in getting their attention,” Selesky said Monday night.

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their phones.

Each team or individual was allowed five minutes to present their concept and five minutes for the judges to ask them questions about their idea. There were five judges, many of whom were also sponsoring the event. They included Aaron and Candice Hark, founders of the Maxient Company, Greg Clark of SCRA Technology Ventures, Nancy Girden of Avenir, LLC. and Kevin Culley, the senior director of innovation at Under Armour.

“[My wife and I] are both USC alums, and it was from our undergrad and graduate time here that we saw a business opportunity, when we started our company,” Aaron Hark said. “We gave a contribution that served as that initial seed and it has grown tremendously from there.”

Each category had a first-place winner, with three first-place winners in all. The winner of the Flour Social Impact Category was Koios, created by USC alumnus Trey Gordner. His business idea is a browser extension that searches the public library database when you are searching for a book in any search engine. Gordner won \$17,500 to launch his idea.

“I think this has really encouraged us and galvanized us to get out there and go faster and harder in the next couple of months,” Gordner said. “Its great to see just how much support there is for start-ups in South Carolina, not only in terms of the people who sponsored tonight but also the people who came out and voted and laughed along.”

The Maxient Innovation Category first-place winner, who was awarded \$20,000, was Vuepeer, created by

fourth-year accounting student Alex Smolen and fourth-year marketing student Jessica Hart. Vuepeer is a peer-to-peer car and boat rental company that aims to create a simplified rental search.

“[Winning] feels amazing,” Smolen said. “Just getting that prototype web- and mobile-compatible, securing a few partnerships and then testing marketing avenues and moving forward from there. So we have our work cut out for us, but we’re very excited.”

Brevino won the Avenir Discovery Category, with a first-place prize of \$20,000. Created by Ian Mackintosh, Brevino is a beer and wine cooler that is designed to fit a variety of bottle sizes and keep beverages chilled for hours. Mackintosh, a USC alumnus, presented his concept along with his wife.

“[I’m] excited that we’re finally going to be able to make this happen, and we’re going to be able to make it happen soon,” Mackintosh said. “And then we’ll also have our Gamecock-affiliated gear ready for baseball season.”

The competition also awarded prizes to the fan favorite, thinkINK, created by business administration graduate student Sarah Fissette. ThinkINK is a greeting card company that aims to make the greeting card business more accessible and personal. There were four other runner-up concepts that were each also awarded cash prizes.

“I hope to see all [the competitors] be in business. I hope to see them spreading the great name about entrepreneurship and business education at the University of South Carolina,” Aaron Hark said. “I want them to do well so that they’re exceeding their wildest dreams and living the entrepreneurial lifestyle, which is a great lifestyle.”

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Play ‘Mirrors’ acting experience



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In “Circle Mirror Transformation,” theatre students perform as other theatre students.

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Tuesday night, USC’s Theatre Department rehearsed “Circle Mirror Transformation,” a student-directed play set to open Thursday, Nov. 19. The play follows an adult acting class taken by four strangers (Teresa, James, Schultz and Lauren) over a six-week period. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winner Annie Baker, the play is directed by Jamie Boller, a fourth-year theatre student at USC.

“Jamie is actually my roommate, which is really cool,” Cami Reid, a fourth-year education student who plays Teresa in the show, said. “I get to see everything that goes into being a director. [Jamie] was an actress before, and now she is a director. She has a lot of experience as an actress, and that helps her speak to us as actors and actresses and also as peers.”

Reid’s perspective is fitting, as “Circle Mirror Transformation” is a ‘meta’ play that explores the lives of theatre students. The play includes real-life

theatre exercises such as voice exercises, acting out sceneries from one another’s lives, reenactments and mirroring techniques. Between these exercises and the interactions that follow, the students’ characters are revealed over the six weeks.

One such character is Lauren, played by first-year theatre student Sofia Pavone. A 16-year-old high school student, Lauren is a stubborn and determined character who thinks she knows more than everyone. Throughout the acting class, Lauren confronts how wrong her assumptions about herself are and learns not be too hard on herself regardless. Pavone commented on the peculiarities of adopting a character learning about the process of acting.

“I can definitely relate to the exercises that we do in the play and the reactions that Lauren has,” Pavone said. “Breathing and relaxation exercises are very important in acting.”

Beyond the self-referential aspect, there is real-life drama in “Circle Mirror Transformation,” including romance, anger

and heartbreak.

The relationship between Marty, the teacher, and James, her student, is one of the most grounded and compelling aspects of the show. The two characters are married, but James’ previous marriage adds another dimension to the relationship. The characters initially seem to be happily in love, but over time the audience sees that the relationship is broken. Graduate MA student Ryan Stevens talked about James and his relationship with Marty.

“James is a really complex guy,” Stevens said. “He likes to goof off and he has a great sense of humor, but at the same time he is very hard on himself. And he wants to be the best version of himself that he can be, not for anybody else but for him. His past is catching up with him, and that is hurting both him and Marty.”

The complexity of “Circle Mirror Transformation” allows it to embody multiple genres. Midlands Tech student Megh Ahire shared his thoughts about the crossover genres of the

show.

“I think that it is just a little bit of everything,” Ahire said. “I really like plays that don’t stick to one genre in the content. Because Circle Mirror is funny, it’s sad, it’s hopeful (and) it’s awful at times. It’s all of that at one time, and I really like that.”

Ahire plays Schultz, a quirky, hopeless romantic that has a difficult time handling his anger. This is apparent countless times throughout the six weeks. Ahire said that he liked playing Schultz because of the similarities between himself and the character.

“I think [audiences] should expect anything,” Reid said. “It’s different from other plays. It’s not a big show, with big costumes and makeup. It’s all really about seeing a natural production. It’s really about feeling that you are in the class with us.”

“Circle Mirror Transformation” is showing from Nov. 19-22 at the Lab Theatre on Wheat Street. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Bieber delivers with ‘Purpose’

“Purpose”

Release Date: Nov. 13

Artist: Justin Bieber

Label: Def Jam

Duration: 49 minutes

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Whether you love him or you simply love to hate him, bad boy Justin Bieber is back with his fourth studio album, “Purpose.”

Shirtless, with tattoos on display, the infamous pop star graces the cover of his latest album in what appears to be a position of prayer.

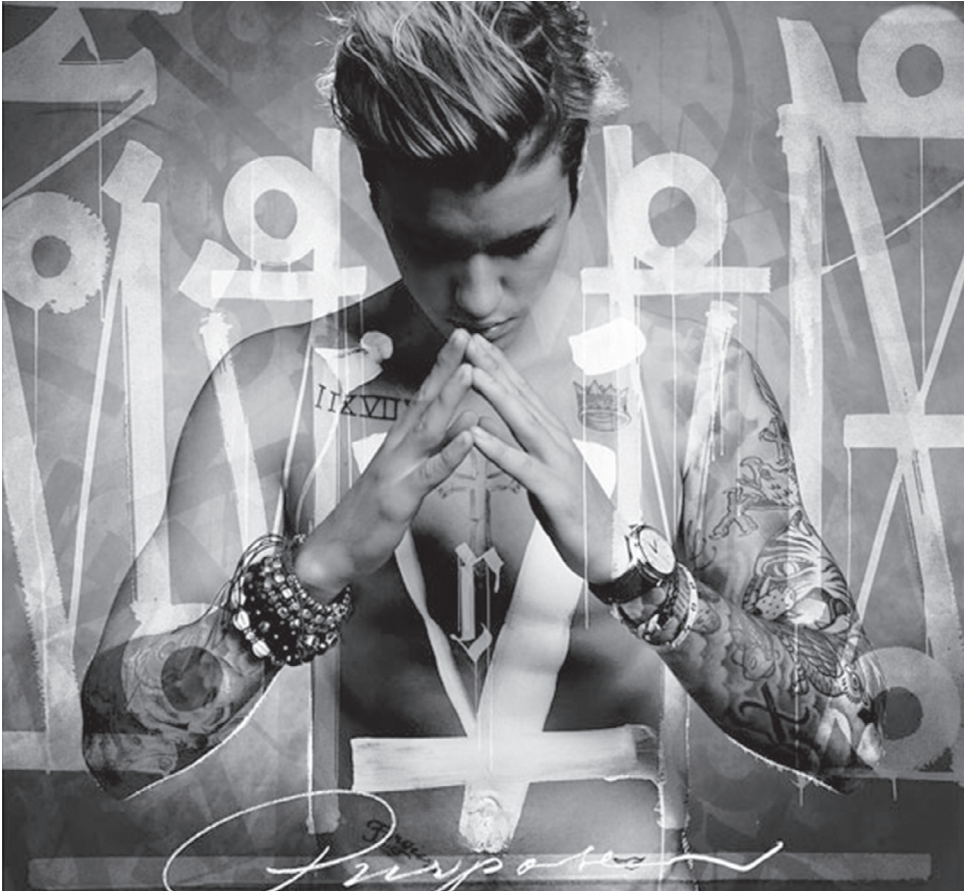
Released on Nov. 13, Bieber’s highly anticipated new album contains 13 new tracks, including his most recent smash hits, “Sorry” and “I’ll Show You.” Bieber’s latest album also includes collaborations with some major artists, including Halsey, Skrillex and Big Sean.

Following his very public breakup with actress and fellow musician Selena Gomez in 2014, Bieber was the subject of a slew of tabloid rumors. After an incident involving a bucket and multiple physical altercations with various paparazzi, it had seemed as if the once-beloved role model had finally fallen off his pedestal.

However, following the release of his single “What Do You Mean?” — which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in September — it slowly became clear that Bieber Fever may indeed have returned to plague us all.

In an interview with Ellen DeGeneres, Bieber confirmed that there are in fact three different tracks on “Purpose” dedicated to Gomez, including the first song on the album, “Mark My Words.” In this soulful track, Bieber demonstrates his vocal abilities while singing about the ups and downs of a relationship.

Dripping with sarcasm and pity, “Love Yourself” is the fifth, and arguably strongest, track on “Purpose.” Bieber



Courtesy of Def Jam Records

Several of the tracks on Bieber’s new album reference ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez.

takes no prisoners, throwing out an incessant stream of fabulous insults as he mocks an unknown former flame. For just under four minutes, Bieber patronizes an apparently narcissistic ex, singing, “Cause if you like the way you look that much / Oh baby you should go and love yourself / And if you think that I’m still holdin’ on to somethin’ / You should go and love yourself.” Therapeutic and overall entertaining, this track is most definitely worth a purchase.

“No Pressure,” which features a collaboration with rapper Big Sean, is another slow but catchy and relatable track from Bieber. Though Bieber has yet to confirm this, many speculate that this song is also about Gomez. Though the concept of “No Pressure” is undeniably repetitive, the insightful lyrics paired

with the addition of the verse provided by Big Sean helps strengthen the track. With sexual undertones and a sensual beat, this track is one of the more scandalous Bieber has released, but it is yet another incontestably awesome song on “Purpose.”

While the majority of the album is strong, the title track “Purpose” is cheesy and never-ending, dragging on for a truly painful three minutes and 30 seconds. This track is the metaphorical zit on the face of Bieber’s new album.

In all, “Purpose” offers a myriad of catchy tracks for everyone. Whether you’re a proud Belieber or an embarrassed victim of Bieber Fever, the release of “Purpose” solidifies the fact that his talent as a musician is undeniable.

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★ One of The Daily Gamecock designers decided she wanted to write a list of things she loves and hates, fulfilling her dream of being a trendsetter. Here is the result.

THINGS I LOVE

Turtlenecks

Drake wears them. I wear them. Turtlenecks give you the widely desired style of a parent without the hassle of having kids. You get to be cozy, hide your hickeys (freshmen) and you can pull them up over your face when awkward things happen.

Folks “popping off”

President Obama said “if folks want to pop off” about his plan to defeat ISIS, let them come up with a better one. Pop. Off. Cherish this moment. Never again will a president ever say something as beautiful as this. Well, until Kanye runs in 2020.

Getting validation on social media

I think in 140 characters. I have described my Twitter as “a work of art.” I know there are more important parts of life, but also people build entire careers on social media. Until I figure out how to do that, I’ll be bragging endlessly about how Hillary Clinton favoredited (ahem, “liked”) one of my tweets.

THINGS I HATE

The Snapchat text function

It is the most inefficient way to talk to people. You can’t see the message unless you swipe over to see it, and the messages disappear whenever they damn well please. If someone messages me on Snapchat, I am no longer their friend. We will never speak again.

Apple remotes

My roommates and I have lost ours too many times. Did we ever even have an Apple remote? I understand designing a sleek, simple remote. I get it — aesthetics are everything. Make! It! Bigger! Though! What is it, a remote for ants?

Noon games

I have never and will never make it to a noon game. I don’t pay thousands of dollars in tuition to wake up at 7:30 a.m. to tailgate. This is 2015, damn it. I shouldn’t have to sacrifice my sleep to watch Carolina lose!

Guys who wear flip-flops with long pants

I get it: you wake up in the morning, and it’s cold outside. “It’s a long pants kind of day,” you sigh. But wait! What if it gets warmer later? You left your zip-off cargos at home! Ah, wait, you can wear flip-flops! Problem solved! Only it’s not solved because you look dumb. Put your toes away. It’s November.

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Actions, not words, needed on student financial concerns



Brandon Middleton
Third-year finance and marketing student

Thursday, Nov. 12 brought with it a country-wide march at 110 college institutions. With all of the other marches, stand-ins, shouting and unrest happening on college campuses nowadays, the average person could be forgiven for not noticing this particular movement. Nevertheless, this could be the movement which has the most direct impact on students at this point in time.

According to their website, The Million Student March (MSM) is a group of “high school, college, and graduate students, recent graduates, campus workers, former students, parents, and grandparents uniting ... to demand tuition-free public college, cancellation of all student debt, and a \$15/hr minimum wage for all campus workers.”

Clearly, if any one of these three demands were ever conceded by public officials, it would be a huge deal to millions of students enrolled in colleges in the U.S. But does MSM actually think it can enact these changes by chanting through the walkways of Texas State University, shouting (admittedly catchy) cadences

at the top of their lungs in the student union of UMass Amherst and jumping around outside of Campbell Hall at UC Santa Barbara?

This group doesn’t even share ideas about how to meet their demands. MSM simply demands for things to be different. Nowhere on their website are there any real solutions on how to enact said change other than an 18-page how-to-organize-a-march guide.

So, Million Student March, here is my message to you:

I am a college student at a public institution. I am double majoring in finance and marketing with a minor in hospitality management. I go to an out-of-state school, and my student loan debt has already begun incurring interest. I would love to not pay any of my debt back. I would love to not have to pay for my last year of education. And I would love to see campus workers make more money (although my finance major makes me hesitate at this universal \$15 minimum wage).

However, as a sensible person who likes to think and provide actual solutions when I disagree with how things are going (you’ll excuse me for not organizing a march), I have a problem with the way your movement is acting.

If you would like to parade around a college campus, holding learning hostage while making your demands, then I suppose you have every constitutional right to.

But maybe, just maybe, you could offer ways to actually achieve

your goals.

I’ll even help you get started: What if more and more public colleges offered free open-courseware systems (akin to Yale, MIT and UC Berkeley) where students could watch actual lectures from professors at those schools and then teach themselves? After self-mastering the material they could (for a significantly cheaper amount than enrolling in a class) take an AP/IB style test to prove their proficiency (most schools already do this with foreign language and math placement tests). Certainly this would help with the cost of college.

Simultaneously, what if we allowed some services on campus (such as health fees, fitness center fees, etc.) to be privatized so that only those people who use these services paid for them? On a wide enough scale, this could help trim student debt.

You see, I do think you all are fighting a noble battle, that these issues are very important to our country and that we should not just accept high tuition costs and student debt as the status quo. We should never accept anything on the basis of thinking that “it’s just the way it is.” In fact, we should always want to make things better.

But we shouldn’t just complain about it and rely on someone else to make the changes for us. We should combine our complaints with actual answers for the good of all, not just the good of few.

Gitmo base must be closed

On Jan. 22, 2009, President Obama signed Executive Order 13492 stating that Guantanamo Bay would close within one year of its signing. What happened to the “prompt and appropriate disposition of the individuals currently detained at Guantanamo and closure of the facilities in which they are detained?”

The administration did not account for logistical setbacks and Congressional resistance, so inquiries conducted concerning the prisoners were inconclusive. Since Obama cited the Geneva Conventions as the rationale behind multiple points, humanitarian rights and interrogation techniques were taken into consideration. However, with the lack of comprehensive records on multiple prisoners, action has neither been swift nor efficient.

The United States has occupied Guantanamo Bay since 1903 “for coaling and naval stations.” After Obama’s efforts to rekindle positive relations with Cuba, Raúl Castro stipulated that Guantanamo Bay must return to the jurisdiction of Cuba.

Seven hundred and eighty men have been imprisoned at Guantanamo since 2002. As of Nov. 16, 107 detainees remained

in Guantanamo Bay. On Tuesday, five Yemeni prisoners were sent to the United Arab Emirates. Although Obama has drastically reduced the number of prisoners from the beginning of his tenure in office, opposition remains in Congress regarding funding for transfers. Disagreements remain over final locations and actual reparations required from detainees.

The White House has hinted at the possibility of further executive action to permanently close Guantanamo, which might be necessary for expedited finality but is not an ideal plan of action. Rather than attempting to issue another executive order in the final months of his term, Obama should endeavor to enlist the support of Congress for his last attempts at permanently closing the detention center. The importance of the decision lies in correct disbanding of the detention center, not in a “concluded mission” of the administration.

Nearly seven years have passed since the initial attempt to close Guantanamo, and while progress is slow, rushing to a resolution too quickly could potentially cause improper placement of detainees, inaccurate assessment of crimes or even rekindled

tension with Cuba. Gridlock, although frustrating, has historically provided checks and balances between the executive and legislative branch. Although legal counsel differs on the constitutionality of Obama taking further steps to move detainees, the notion of separation of powers is clear — hence the need for a joint effort from Congress and the president.

The pressing issues of inhumane treatment, torture, minors at the camp and coercion to become spies are all problems that Obama is attempting to mitigate with the closure of the site. Whether or not the detention center is within the realm of U.S. control (for the purpose of determining what interrogation methods are acceptable) is no longer relevant. At this point, especially in the wake of other international tragedies and pressure to implement U.N. humanitarian standards, Guantanamo should be closed without extensive executive action.

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We don't need another Reagan as president



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At Saturday night’s Democratic debate, I was surprised to hear Martin O’Malley say Ronald Reagan’s name.

Not that his name hasn’t been mentioned in this election cycle before — predictably, he’s come up at least 128 times in the course of the four Republican debates. For those keeping track, that’s an average of one mention of Reagan every eight-and-a-half minutes (including commercial breaks). However, this was the first time to my memory in this election that he’d been name-dropped in any way that did not involve how his policies set the speaker’s heart aflutter.

This deviation is relevant because it means the nation is finally growing out of its 30-year infatuation with its 40th president, which means that we have a fighting chance of not electing President Trump in 2016.

A former entertainer and political newcomer in comparison with his opponent, incumbent President Jimmy Carter, Reagan was largely laughed at by his opponents until the ballots came rushing in. He went on to be one of this country’s most popular presidents, largely due to his stage presence — a quality that Donald Trump appears to have in spades.

In fact, no candidate fits Ronald Reagan’s mold quite as well as Donald Trump, who is essentially running against the will of the Republican party at large. This goes largely unacknowledged by the other candidates, who are less than enthused about The Donald, but still seem to be under the impression that we need another Reagan.

But while the GOP establishment may view likeness to The Gipper as a positive quality, as demonstrated by their veneration of his memory onstage, Reagan was, in actuality, one of the worst presidents in living memory.

Trickle-down economics, one of Reagan’s most memorable contributions to policy in this country, was and is a complete joke. It is demonstrably nonfunctional and largely responsible for creating that gap between the rich and the poor that Bernie Sanders is incapable of not mentioning every third word. A 43 percent increase in military spending, another one of his greatest hits, is a trap we still have yet to get out of. Most would argue that ending the Cold War, at least, is an accomplishment no one can disparage, but Reagan and his military buildup arguably had very little to do with that.

In other words, we elected a populist, ultraconservative charmer with a relative dearth of political experience, and he dropped the ball spectacularly.

Does the middle part of that sentence sound like any “immigrant-bashing carnival barker” we know?

O’Malley’s comment — which went largely unnoticed, the same way most things he says tend to — shows that the country is growing out of that mindless adoration of Reagan and all things Reganesque. It shows that we have some chance of not falling for it again.

That gives me significantly more hope for this country than Donald Trump’s promise to make it great again.

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Aries

A group project gains forward momentum with Neptune direct. Strange powers of attraction are at work in your life. Stay focused. A hidden danger could arise. Keep cutting financial obligations. Choose what's best for family.

Taurus

For the next seven months, career decisions gel and your work flows forward. It's easier to increase your authority now that Neptune's direct. Huddle with your partner before making decisions. Clean up the house. It pays off.

Gemini

Adventures beckon. A barrier to travel is dissolving now that Neptune's direct. Don't let that interfere with the responsibilities you already have, though. Try something new. Odd circumstances lead to a meaningful reunion.

Cancer

You're sitting on a gold mine. Confusion clears, with Neptune direct, and it's easier to make money. You could make a silly mistake. Don't be talked out of what you want or miss an opportunity. Follow your heart.

Leo

Work together to realize a dream. Go for aesthetic as well as structural soundness. With Neptune direct now, partnerships strengthen and grow. Collaborate on goals set in the past. Share resources in a fair and transparent way.

Virgo

Put your talent to work. It's getting easier to tell fact from fantasy, with Neptune direct. Difficult projects seem to magically come together. Don't buy gifts for loved ones yet. Meditate on your desired result.

Libra

Romantic fantasies become more achievable now that Neptune's direct. It's easier to express your heart. Miracles seem abundant. Creativity becomes second nature. Take it slow and avoid missteps. Let a poet speak for you.

Scorpio

Conditions at home are improving steadily. Your household comfort level increases with Neptune direct. Add creative touches that functionally beautify. Share lovely gatherings with friends and family without breaking the bank. Savor tantalizing cuisine.

Sagittarius

What you've been taught starts to make sense. With Neptune direct, abstract subjects come easier now. You're beginning to understand the machinery. Communications grow in importance and effectiveness. Clear clutter to free space. Find joy in creative activities.

Capricorn

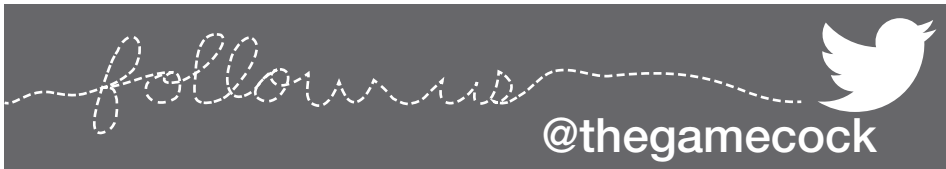
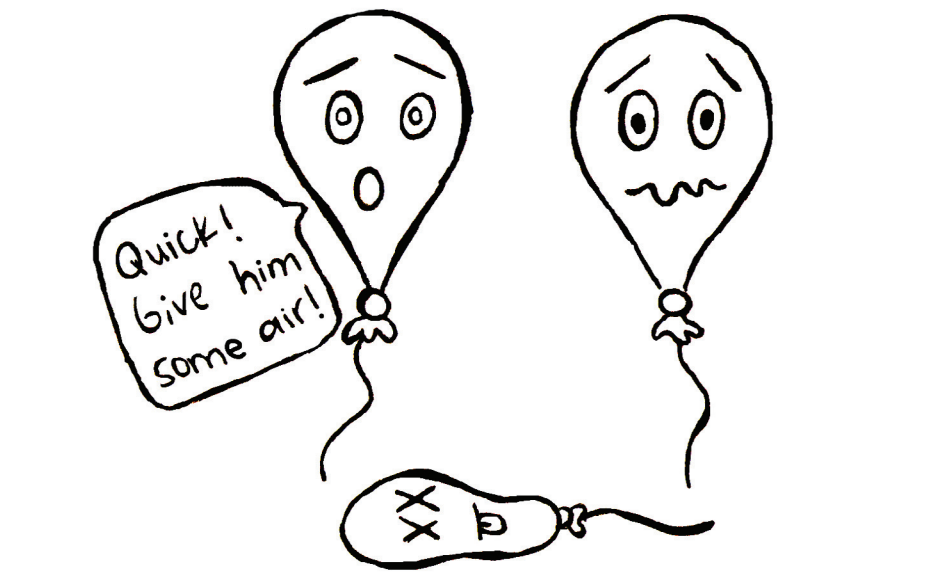
With Neptune direct now, it's easier to collect on promises and increase your financial strength. A nebulous source of income actually pays. Two heads are better than one. Support each other. Watch where you're going to avoid accidents.

Aquarius

Gain clarity about personal goals, with Neptune direct now, and things will coalesce to make them happen. You're gaining wisdom. A fantasy is becoming more possible. Strike out in a new direction. Get tools and supplies together.

Pisces

Your fantasies get more tangible and achievable. With Neptune direct now, you can realize a dream. Love the people you are with. Look to them for valuable insight and motivation. Relax and keep it positive.



Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Chess ploy

7 Antique cane topper

11 Home of the N.Y. Rangers

14 Fundraising targets

15 Wrath, in a hymn

16 Scarfed down

17 Annual Christmas party group

19 Small group

20 Brightened, with "up"

21 Bible book

22 "Let it be so!"

24 Thrice due

25 Wetlands protection org.

26 "Driving Miss Daisy" setting

29 Humor that won't offend

31 Long poem

33 One of two Pauline epistles: Abbr.

34 "___ for Innocent": Grafton novel

35 Pentecost, e.g., and what can literally be found in this puzzle's four other longest answers

40 Same old thing

41 "This American Life" host Glass

42 Run

43 Exercised caution

48 Theatergoer's option

49 Fla. NBA team

50 Maker of "3 Series" cars

53 "Beloved" author Morrison

54 Fromage hue

55 Yay relative

56 Part of a disguise

57 Singer with the debut solo album "Love. Angel. Music. Baby."

61 Loan letters

62 Lisa's title

63 Passes

64 Relaxing retreat

65 Against

66 Winning run, perhaps

DOWN

1 Pens for Dickens?

2 Caine title role

3 Civilian garb

4 ASCAP rival

5 Grow

6 Jams

7 Social group

8 Org. co-founded by Gen. George Wingate

9 Knucklehead

10 Happen to

11 Got some attention

12 Flier that may have four lines

13 Prefix with thermal

18 "Right away!"

23 Key abbr.

26 "He makes no friends who never made ___": Tennyson

27 Grass-and-roots layer

28 '50s Dem. presidential hopeful

29 Good, in Hebrew

30 Brilliance

31 Effort to equal others

32 Relative of a T-shirt launcher

36 Hill worker

37 Creamy spread

38 Flowing out

39 Tankard contents

40 Tach no.

44 Dark side

45 It's hard to untangle

46 Fifties on a staff

47 Knife-like ridges

50 Support

51 ___ ray

52 Chef's tool

54 ___ B'rith

56 Nintendo's ___ Mini

58 Finished on top

59 Dr.'s specialty

60 Distant


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The interim head coach has inspired his team to play better, but his 1-3 record does not bode well for his future as a Gamecock.

Elliott never given fair chance

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I wish it weren't decided like this. I wish that a coach were judged solely on his team's performance, not the tallies in the win-loss column. I wish that recruits made decisions based solely off the words of the coach speaking to them, with his name having no impact at all on their decision. I wish that a coach's job security rested solely on the honest belief of his players in him, not the belief of the alumni, fans and non-football-related administrators who have no idea what happens behind locker room doors or on the practice field.

I wish that the future looked bright for Shawn Elliott and his head coaching tenure here at

USC. Sadly, it does not.

When you take a surface-level glance at Elliott's short head coaching stint, you aren't overly impressed. In fact, there probably isn't much of an impression left at all. Under Elliott, the Gamecocks won the game that they were expected to win and lost the ones that they were expected to lose.

But if you actually watch the games he has coached, you'll see a different look and demeanor to this team, most noticeably in their continual fighting back. Since Elliott took over, this team has faced adversity on the field. Take the last two games, for example. Both games at one point or another seemed all but over. Down 17-3 against Tennessee coming out of the first half, feeling

lucky to even have three points at all, the team stormed back — and if not for a costly fumble in the closing seconds, would have almost certainly put the game into overtime and may have even won. Florida, too, was much of the same, with a valiant comeback at the end of the game falling one defensive stop short.

Shawn Elliott cares about this team and its players. Whether he is in the center of the huddle getting them fired up or running onto the field to both calm and comfort them after a costly mistake, no one can question whether or not he loves this football team.

I respect him for the job he has done this season. I respect the intensity he has brought and how this team has responded

to his leadership. These positives should be considered by every Gamecock fan before they steer conversations toward who will be his replacement next season.

I hope that Shawn Elliott remains the head coach here for years to come and is given the shot he deserves. But regretfully, the reality of the situation is as such: He is not a big-name coach, not the first choice of alumni and has not put up the wins this year that would be needed to overcome those first two strikes against him. I wish that it weren't decided like this, but it is. Whoever takes over for Elliott should look to his example when leading this team in the coming years.

Tuesday practice update

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The Gamecocks will host The Citadel (7-3) on Saturday and are favored in Saturday's game for the first time since mid-October when they hosted Vanderbilt. The Southern Conference Champions bring a dangerous triple-option attack and could challenge South Carolina.

Injury Report

Redshirt junior offensive tackle Mason Zandi has been ruled out of Saturday's contest with a high ankle sprain. Freshman Blake Camper will make his first career start for the Gamecocks.

Freshmen receivers D.J. Neal and Deebo Samuel both practiced for the Gamecocks on Tuesday. Neal, who missed last week's game with an injured hip, played well before the injury, emerging as a legitimate receiving threat.

Samuel has missed most of the season with a nagging hamstring injury, but the Inman, South Carolina native was a full participant in practice and could play Saturday.

Fans Oppose Palmetto Bowl Kickoff Time

South Carolina will host Clemson on Nov. 28 at noon. The game will be broadcast on ESPN, but several Gamecock fans are protesting the broadcast decision.

Over 8,000 fans have signed a petition seeking a later start time for the game, which will be the sixth noon game for the Gamecocks this season. No. 1 Clemson has already clinched a spot in the ACC Championship Game and, at 10-0, has College Football Playoff aspirations.

SEC Nation Broadcasting from Columbia

SEC Nation, which broadcasts at a different SEC school every week, will be in Columbia this weekend. The show was originally scheduled for Oct. 10, but Columbia's historic flooding moved the LSU game to Baton Rouge.

The team will broadcast from Gamecock Park beginning at 10 a.m. and will move inside the stadium at 11:30 a.m. until the game begins at noon.

CLEMSONPAGE1

Sophomore forward A'ja Wilson, SEC Player of the Week, will enter Jervy Gym boasting a 2-0 record after squeaking out a close win over No. 6 Ohio State and blowing out the UNCG, both inside of Colonial Life Arena in front of near-capacity crowds.

Wilson averaged 19.5 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks per game in just 38 total minutes last week. Her six blocks against UNCG matched her career high, though she played just 17 minutes. This week, Wilson proved why she was the nation's top recruit last season, as she is playing as well as any player in the country.

The 6-foot-5 sophomore has been terrorizing opponents, using her height to take lobs inside and get the layup or the foul. Of her 24 rebounds, 11 have been on the offensive glass, many on her own misses.

The Gamecocks have averaged 90 points a game and will face a Clemson team that has scored a total of 90 in two games. The Tigers, to their credit, have only allowed 49.5 points per game at home.

The Gamecocks will likely use their superb post players to outclass the Tigers, whose leading rebounder is 5-foot-7 guard Danielle Edwards. While Edwards is averaging 12 boards per game, she will not be able to compete with Wilson and the other taller Gamecock post players such as junior center Alaina

Coates and senior forward Sarah Imovbioh.

Imovbioh, who transferred from Virginia, has been a welcome addition for the Gamecocks. The senior from Nigeria is averaging a double-double with 11 points and 10.5 rebounds per game, including a total of eight on the offensive glass.

Imovbioh, Wilson, Coates and senior guard Tiffany Mitchell are all averaging double-digit points through the first two games, and the Gamecocks will lean heavily on those four along with senior role players guard Khadijah Sessions and guard/forward Asia Dozier to lead as the team gets into the season.

Mitchell, Coates and Wilson are all on the Wooden Award watch list. UConn also has three players on the 30-player list, tied for most in the country with the Gamecocks.

While the Tigers hold the all-time lead in the Palmetto Series, 33-27, the Gamecocks have dominated in recent years. Undefeated against Clemson in the last five years under head coach Dawn Staley, the Gamecocks won by a series-record 58 points last season.

Barring an unforeseen collapse, the Gamecocks will extend their five-game winning streak over the Tigers Wednesday night. They will then fly west for a showdown with UCLA in Los Angeles on Sunday. The road trip will conclude with the Waikiki Beach Marriott Rainbow Wahine Showdown from Nov. 27 to 29.



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Sophomore A'ja Wilson garnered SEC Player of the Week Honors after averaging 19.5 points.